

February 26, 1993     CD-93-03 (LDV/LDT/ICI/LIMO/SM)

Dear Manufacturer:

Subject:    Data Transmittal to EPA's Data Base

In manufacturer guidance letter CD-92-15, September, 25, 1992, the Certification Division provided copies of the new computer forms, guidance on filling out the forms, and a schedule for implementing these revisions to the MTS data base. Enclosure A to this letter contains a revised time table for transmitting 1994 model year information to the EPA data base. To help us meet this time schedule and to expedite the data entry and certification process, we request the following help from manufacturers:

Computer Program and Data Entry Questions--Please send by fax questions and material that may be helpful in identifying a particular data item in question (e.g., manufacturer code, engine family name, system number, processing date and time, error messages and code number, vehicle ID/internal vehicle number and version number, test number, etc.,) to Rick Zellin or Seung Park at the Fax number (313) 741-7869.

Please include the phone number where you can be reached. If a fax machine is not available, leave a message on the answering machine at (313) 668-4186.

Questions received through 10:00 am each day will be responded to by phone between 1:30 and 2:30 pm.

Note:        Any policy or compliance questions should continue to be directed to your EPA certification team representative.

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MTS Questions--Please contact the Michigan Terminal System (MTS) help line at Wayne State University at (313) 577-4778. Wayne State University personnel are available to assist you in solving problems relating to MTS.

Updates and corrections--Updates and corrections are stored in a file SAQM:DS-UPDATE on the MTS system. Please check this file daily or periodically when you log on to MTS. Updates and corrections and useful information are also printed on the output records for particular programs.

1994 MY LDV/LDT certificate requests--Until our "summary sheet" program becomes available, manufacturers may speed up our certificate review process by sending in their own "summary sheet" with each certificate request. The summary sheet should contain the information that was previously included in our 1993 summary sheet output reports, plus any applicable certification requirements of the Tier 1, Revised Durability, and Cold CO rules.

1995 MY and later--The Engine Systems Information and Manufacturers Test Data programs for 1995 and later model years are not yet operational. Please notify us in writing when you wish to officially "declare" a durability vehicle to EPA, but hold the data until the programs are up and running. We expect to have them up and running by mid-summer.

Please note that fees must be paid for all engine families (including 1995 and 1996 engine families) prior to the time when ESI data are normally transmitted to our data base. Fees must be paid no later than the time when durability vehicles are declared

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to EPA for both certified engine families and uncertified (or back-up) engine families. Manufacturers may apply for a refund for uncertified engine families as soon as they determine that the engine family will not be certified for that model year.

Sincerely,

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**ENCLOSURE A**

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EPA will begin accepting information for the 1994 model year according to the following schedule:

Car/Truck Information  
Available Now

Engine System Information

Hard Copy Data                      Available Now  
Electronic Submission  
Available Now

Vehicle Information  
Available Now

Evaporative System Information  
April

Shift Schedule Information  
Available Now

Measured Fuel Properties  
Gasoline  
Available Now

Methanol                              Available Now  
Other Alternative Fuels              To Be Determined

Manufacturer Test Data  
Hard Copy Data                      March  
Electronic Submission

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March

Running Changes  
September

Summary Sheets  
May/June

General Label  
May/June

Fuel Economy Disposition  
May

01-31 Report

June